



Department of Transportation Office of Motor Carrier Compliance

PRESS RELEASE

OMCC PLANS OPERATION TO TARGET AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS

Colonel David Dees, Director of the Florida Department of Transportation's Office of Motor Carrier Compliance (OMCC) announces participation in Operation Safe Driver, which will take place Sunday, October 18, 2009 through Saturday, October 24, 2009.

Last year, nearly 200,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes in Florida, many of which were the direct result of unsafe or aggressive driving practices by both passenger vehicle and commercial vehicle drivers. OMCC, in partnership with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) has planned an aggressive enforcement campaign to target these aggressive drivers.

"Operation Safe Driver" is a weeklong event where OMCC Officers will be out in full force performing driver safety inspections and targeting unsafe driving habits on Florida's roadways. "The emphasis of this week will be traffic enforcement," said Major Clayton Tyson, commander of Law Enforcement Operations for the Northern Region at OMCC. Officers will utilize both marked and unmarked vehicles equipped with RADAR and Laser speed measurement devices to concentrate on motorists traveling at excessive speeds, unrestrained occupants, unsafe lane changes, and violations of Florida's Move Over Law. Officers not on patrol will be conducting outreach presentations to motor carriers and distributing educational materials throughout the state.

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